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Administrative Health Officer Cathy Raevsky Accepts New Post in California

GRAND RAPIDS, MI – Her dedication to public health has made the Kent County Health Department a model for other health departments across the country, devoting the past 11 years to making Kent County a healthier place. It is with mixed emotions that Kent County leaders announce Administrative Health Officer Cathy Raevsky will be leaving her post February 15, 2013.

Cathy will be remaining in public health. "Northern California has been calling me to return," Cathy told staff this afternoon. "The last 11 years have had their hardships and we have had to learn together how to manage that, but you have proven over and over again that you are the best health department staff in the state!"

Cathy has helped lead the Health Department in many ways, including:

- Uniting dozens of health experts, including dental and mental health workers, to create an all-encompassing Community Health Improvement Plan;
- Instituting Health Equity and Social Justice training to develop a more culturally-sensitive staff;
- Streamlining services to the community by making many documents, licensing and inspections available online;
- Serving on numerous boards, including the Michigan Association for Local Public Health (former president) and the National Association of County and City Health Officials

"It's hard to believe that it's been over 11 years since I appointed Cathy as the County's Administrative Health Officer," said Daryl Delabbio, Kent County Administrator/Controller. "During her tenure, Cathy has had to wrestle with significant reductions in funding from the State and from the County. She has been able to manage the operations of a complex organization in a diligent, competent manner. I wish her the very best as she begins a new chapter in her life and career."

The Board of Commissioners will appoint an acting Administrative Health Officer in the coming weeks.

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